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S/N 09/638,091

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Andres et al.	Examiner:	Daniel Previl
Serial No.:	09/638,091	Group Art Unit:	2636
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Customer No.:	23552	Confirmation No.:	7546
Title:	Communication Protocol For Interconnected Hazardous Condition Detectors, And System Employing The Same		

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.6(d):

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Dear Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed on October 21, 2003, please consider and enter the following amendments and remarks. Claims 1-20 remain pending in the application.

Amendments to the claims begin at page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin at page 6 of this paper.